

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 27, 2006. In this Amendment, the Applicant has not amended any claims, leaving claims 1-31 pending.

Claims 1-31 are rejected in view of Sunder et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0021781) alone or in combination with other references.

Sunder et al., which has a priority date of June 5, 2003. In response, attached hereto is a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131, which establishes that embodiments of the invention were conceived on or before May 12, 2003. Accordingly, Sunder et al. is no longer prior art to the present claims, and withdrawal of the rejections based on Sunder et al. is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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